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1. IN RESPONSE FRANCO'S DEATH, KING CARL XVI GUSTAF
SENT FOLLOWING CABLE TO PRESIDENT OF SPANISH GOVERNMENT
COUNCIL: "AT THE DEATH OF THE SPANISH CHIEF OF STATE
GENERAL FRANCISCO FRANCO, I CONVEY TO YOUR EXCELLENCY
MY SINCERE REGRET."

2. GOS AND SWEDISH ROYAL HOUSE WILL BOTH BE REPRE-
SENTED AT FRANCO FUNERAL BY SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO
MADRID.

3. PM PAME ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT YESTERDAY
(NOVEMBER 20): "LET US HOPE THAT A DEVELOPMENT WILL
NOW BE STARTED GIVING THE SPANISH PEOPLE THE POSSIBILITY
IN A PEACEFUL MANNER TO SHAPE A SOCIETY BASED ON FREEDOM,
POPULAR GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE."

4. STATEMENTS WERE ALSO MADE BY OPPOSITION PARTY
LEADERS AS FOLLOWS:

PER AHLMARK (LIBERAL): "GENERAL FRANCO WAS SO TIED TO
OPPRESSION AND EGRADATION THAT OUR WORDS AT HIS DEATH
CAN ONLY BE STILL ANOTHER CONDEMNATION OF THE REGIME HE
UPHELD."

GOSTA BOHMAN (MODERATE): "MY HOPE IS THAT THERE WILL BE
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A CHANGE TOWARD A MORE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT AND THAT

SPAIN WILL TAKE ITS PLACE AMONG THE OTHER DEMOCRATIC
NATIONS IN THE WESTERN WORLD."

THORBJORN FALLDIN (CENTER): "THE FASCIST RULE WHICH
FRANCO BUILT AND LED FOR ALMOST 40 YEARS MUST NOW
DISAPPEAR WITH HIM AND MAKE ROOM FOR A PROCESS WHICH
CAN REINTRODUCE DEMOCRACY IN SPAIN."

LARS WERNER (VPK COMMUNISTS): "IT IS A GREAT RELIEF
THAT THE LEADING REPRESENTATIVE OF SPANISH FASCISM HAS
PASSED AWAY. BUT FASCISM IS STILL WITH US. JUAN
CARLOS HAS BEEN NAMED BY FRANCO TO PREVENT A RETURN
TO DEMOCRACY."

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